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1. (U) THIS IS O-I NO. 139, AUGUST 1, 1995.
2. (C) FOR CHARGE/HALPIN FROM MICHALAK/ROE. TARNOFF VISIT. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE READOUT FROM THE SEC-QIAN MEETING, U/S TARNOFF TENTATIVELY PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BEIJING THE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, AND HOLD TALKS THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, AND AT LEAST PART (IF NOT MOST) OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 25. HE HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO LEAVE BEIJING LATE FRIDAY (PERHAPS TO STOP IN TOKYO TO MEET

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BRIEFING WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS), OR TO REMAIN IN
BEIJING OVERNIGHT FRIDAY AND LEAVE SATURDAY MORNING.
(OTHER STOPS IN ASIA ARE BEING CONSIDERED.) WE IMAGINE
THE FORMAT OF THE VISIT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE SEPTEMBER
1994 VISIT. WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON A ROUGH, NOTIONAL

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SCHEDULE, BEFORE WE DO THE FRONT CHANNEL MESSAGE. WE RECALL TARNOFF ADDRESSED THE AMCHAM LAST SEPTEMBER. WE DO NOT KNOW IF HE WANTS TO DO THIS AGAIN, BUT ALSO WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE.

3. (C) FOR CHARGE/HALPIN FROM MICHALAK. BRUNEI READOUT.

FOLLOWING IS OUR EARLY READOUT OF THE BRUNEI MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER/VICE PREMIER QIAN QICHEN. BEGIN QUOTE A/S LORD CHARACTERIZED THE SECRETARY'S ONE AND HALF HOUR BILATERAL WITH FM QIAN QICHEN AS THE BEST WE COULD EXPECT TO GET OUT OF ONE MEETING. THE ATMOSPHERICS WERE GOOD, AND THE MEETING ITSELF "POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE." THE CHINESE AGREED THAT TARNOFF AND HIS COUNTERPART SHOULD MEET AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE TO RESUME TALKS AND THAT QIAN AND THE SECRETARY WOULD PLAN TO MEET AGAIN IN LATE SEPTEMBER ON THE MARGINS OF UNGA. THE SECRETARY PASSED TO QIAN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LETTER TO JIANG; IT WAS WELL-RECEIVED.

NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, THE CHINESE VOICED CONCERN OVER CONTINUED TAIWANESE VISITS TO THE U.S. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE COULD NOT CATEGORICALLY RULE OUT FUTURE VISITS, BUT ASSURED QIAN THEY WOULD BE RARE, NON-OFFICIAL AND KEYED TO PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VISITOR. QIAN
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NOTED

THE SECRETARY URGED A QUICK RESOLUTION TO THE HARRY WU MATTER. QIAN NOTED THAT THE LEGAL PROCESS HAD TO RUN ITS COURSE, AND THAT ACTUAL SENTENCING WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE FINDING ANOTHER WAY TO RESOLVE THE MATTER, A FORMULATION A/S LORD FOUND ENCOURAGING. QIAN

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DID NOT INDICATE HOW LONG THE PROCESS WOULD TAKE.

THE SECRETARY RAISED THE AGREEMENT ISSUE POINTING OUT THAT
IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND WOULD HELP WITH
CONGRESS. QIAN WAS NONCOMMITTAL.END QUOTE
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